THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India have taken necessary action wherever courts have passed specific orders.

Different prices for disposal of additional foodgrains

†2604. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed different prices from March, 1998 for various types of buyers to sell the additional foodgrains lying in godowns of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the prices fixed from March, 1998 to June, 2001 for each of the buyers alongwith the names of such buyers and the date on which these prices were fixed; and

(c) Government's sale policy framed at the time of each price fixation together with the basis of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of prices of wheat from November, 1998 to June, 2001 fixed under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) are given in the Statement (*See* below). The scheme is in vogue since November, 1998. Any consumer, State Government Co-operatives, Chakki, Roller Flour Mill can buy wheat under this Scheme subject to minimum of 10 M.T.s.

(c) As authorized by the Government, open sale rates of wheat are fixed by the High Level Committee of the Food Corporation of India on a monthly basis after reviewing the lifting position. These rates are also being fixed Zone-wise after taking into account zonal economic cost of wheat as maintained by FCI and other relevant factors like carrying costs, tax components, transportation charges etc.

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Statement

Details of issue prices fixed for open market sale scheme (domestic) of wheat effective from November 1998 onwards.

(Rate per Qtl.)

Zone	From 18.11.98	3.2.99	15.4.99	3.12.99	1.4.2000	11.7.2000	9/11. 8.2000	3.10. 2000	2.3.01	9.4.01	12.6.01	1.7.01	1.8.01
North	Rs. 645/-	Rs. 653/-	Rs. 690/-	Rs. 688/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 650/-	Rs. 650/-	Rs. 650/-	Rs. 650/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 650/-	Rs. 650/-
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South	Rs. 716/-	Rs. 724/-	Rs. 747/-	Rs. 705/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 743/-	Rs. 743/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 720/-	Rs. 720/-
West	Rs. 689/-	Rs. 697/-	Rs. 725/-	Rs. 697/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 724/-	Rs. 724/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 695/-	Rs. 695/-
East	Rs. 708/-	Rs. 716/-	Rs. 748/-	Rs. 699/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 900/-	Rs. 736/-	Rs. 736/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 700/-	Rs. 705/-	Rs. 705/-

** Open sale was started from Punjab only.

* These rates were also applicable to the States of M.P. and Chhattisgarh.